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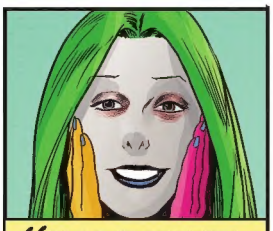

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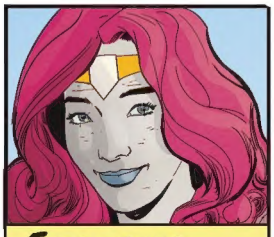

EMILY SUNG--
THE ELEMENT WOMAN!

MUTTAMORPHO--
THE ELEMENT HOUND!

ALGON--
THE ELEMENT KING!

AND WHO'S OUR MYSTERY VILLAIN? FOLLOW THE CLUES--
IT'S ELEMENT-ARY!

METAMORPHO
The ELEMENT MAN

CREATED BY BOB HANEY & RAMONA FRADON

FOR THE FATE OF THE WORLD...
...WHERE IS METAMORPHO?!
RIGHT HERE!
NO-- HERE!
OVER HERE!
BY APOLLO, I'M HERE!
WOOF!
WHAT'S BETTER THAN FIVE ISSUES OF THE ONE AND ONLY METAMORPHO?
THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER, METAMANIACS--
IT'S ONE ISSUE WITH FIVE MERELY MAGNIFICENT METAMORPHOS!

GAZE IN WONDER AS AN ALL-NEW AND ALL-NOW ELEMENT TEAM FORMS NOT MERELY TO PROTECT THE EARTH, BUT TO SAVE SOL ITSELF... BUT IS EVEN A FREAKY FIVESOME FABULOUS ENOUGH FOR THIS MISSION? OR WORSE, ARE THERE...

...TOO MANY METAMORPHOS?

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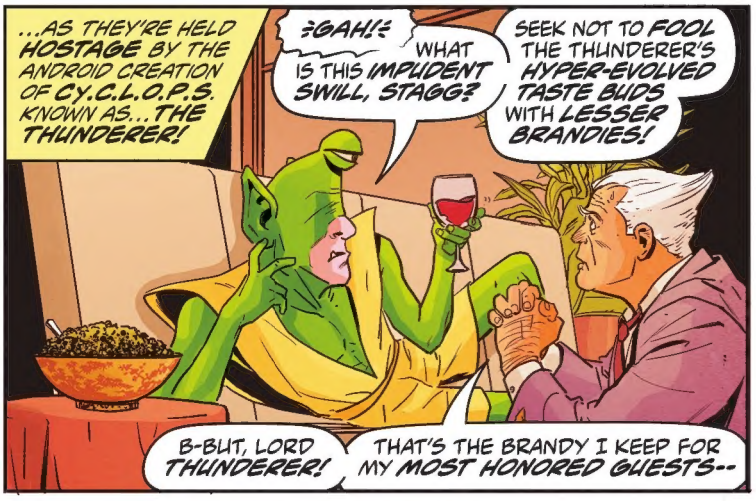
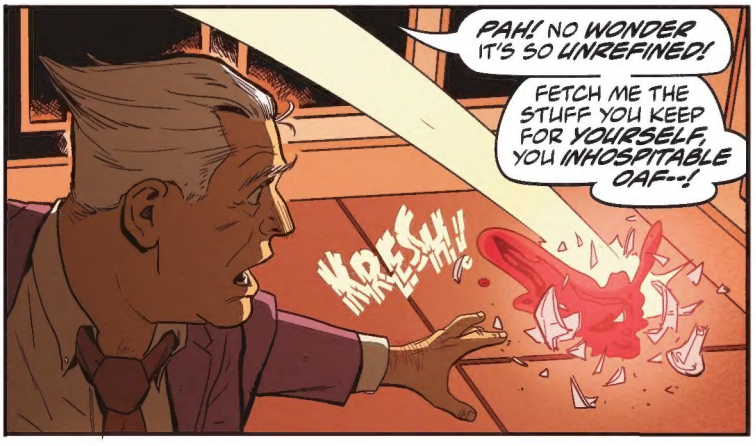
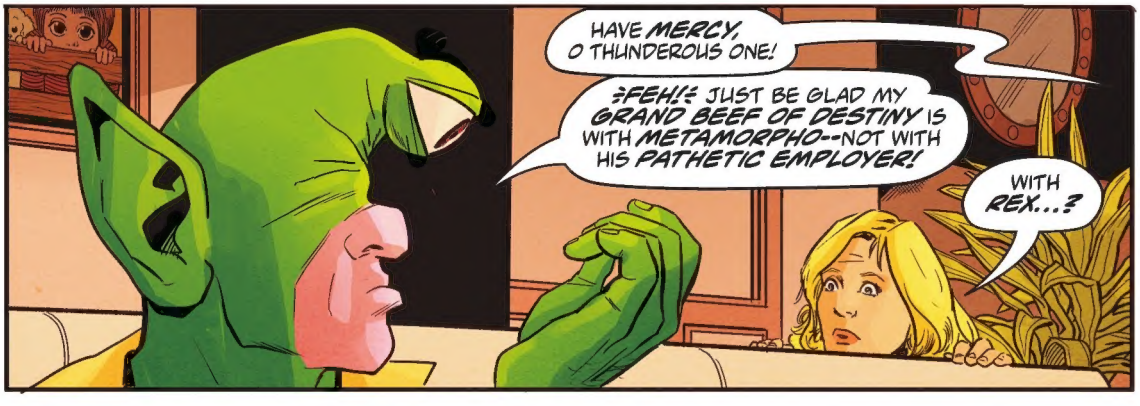
BUT SAVE OUR SUN FROM WHOM?

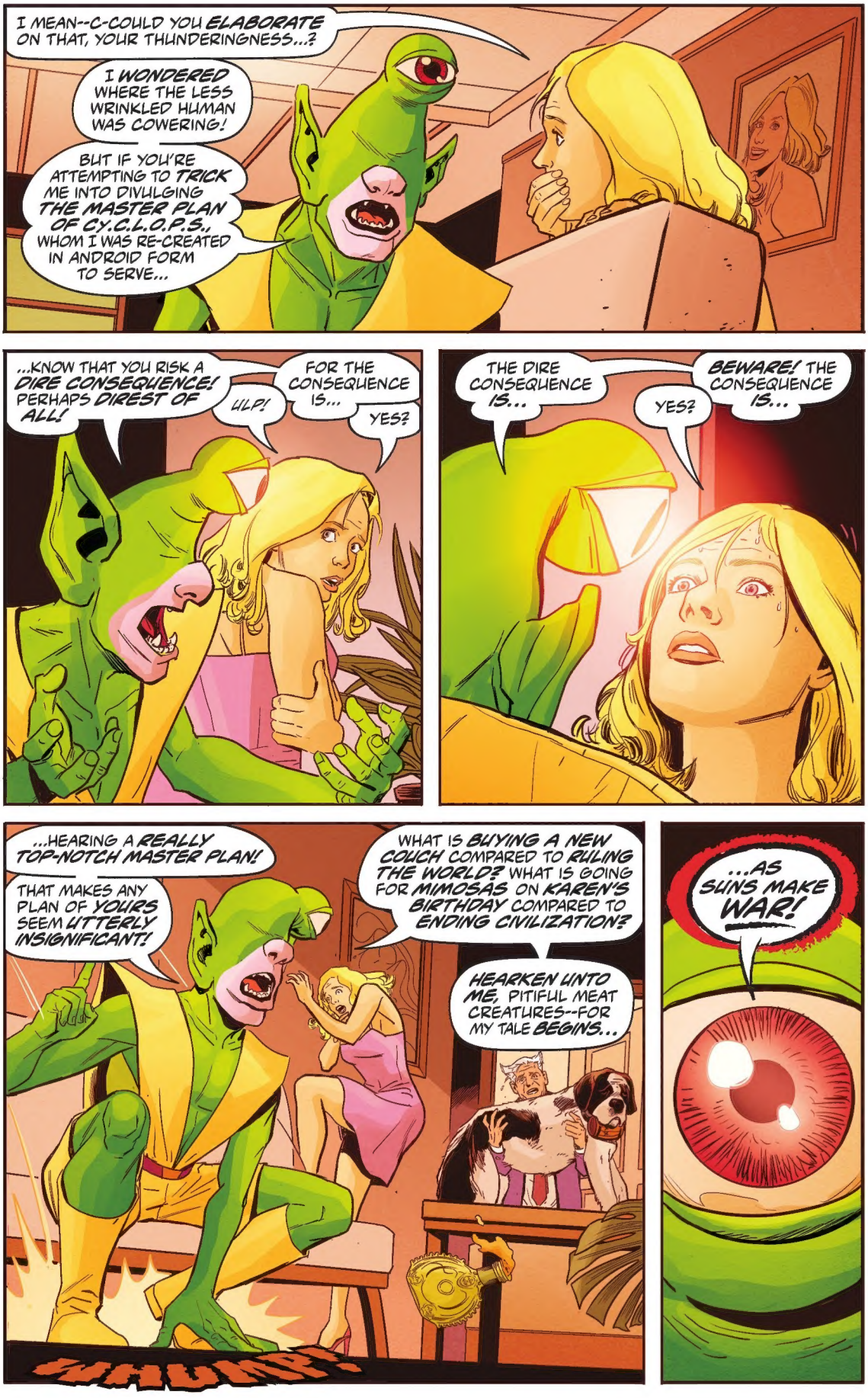
READERS WHO REMEMBER LAST ISSUE ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWER!

BUT LET'S CATCH YOU UP-- ALONG WITH REX'S SOMETIME SWEETHEART SAPPHIRE AND HER FATHER, BILLIONAIRE MEGA-FINK SIMON STAGG...


...AS THEY'RE HELD HOSTAGE BY THE ANDROID CREATION OF CY.C.L.O.P.S. KNOWN AS...THE THUNDERER!
=GAH!= WHAT IS THIS IMPUDENT SWILL, STAGG?
SEEK NOT TO FOOL THE THUNDERER'S HYPER-EVOLVED TASTE BUDS WITH LESSER BRANDIES!
B-BUT, LORD THUNDERER!
THAT'S THE BRANDY I KEEP FOR MY MOST HONORED GUESTS--




HAVE MERCY, O THUNDEROUS ONE!
=FEH!= JUST BE GLAD MY GRAND BEEF OF DESTINY IS WITH METAMORPHO--NOT WITH HIS PATHETIC EMPLOYER!
WITH REX...?


I MEAN--C-COULD YOU ELABORATE ON THAT, YOUR THUNDERINGNESS...?
I WONDERED WHERE THE LESS WRINKLED HUMAN WAS COWERING!
BUT IF YOU'RE ATTEMPTING TO TRICK ME INTO DIVULGING THE MASTER PLAN OF CY.C.L.O.P.S., WHOM I WAS RE-CREATED IN ANDROID FORM TO SERVE...
...KNOW THAT YOU RISK A DIRE CONSEQUENCE! PERHAPS DIREST OF ALL!
ULP!
FOR THE CONSEQUENCE IS...
YES?
THE DIRE CONSEQUENCE IS...
YES?
BEWARE! THE CONSEQUENCE IS...
...HEARING A REALLY TOP-NOTCH MASTER PLAN!
THAT MAKES ANY PLAN OF YOURS SEEM UTTERLY INSIGNIFICANT!
WHAT IS BUYING A NEW COUCH COMPARED TO RULING THE WORLD? WHAT IS GOING FOR MIMOSAS ON KAREN'S BIRTHDAY COMPARED TO ENDING CIVILIZATION?
HEARKEN UNTO ME, PITIFUL MEAT CREATURES--FOR MY TALE BEGINS...
WHUM!
...AS SUNS MAKE WAR!

EVERY SUN IN THE UNIVERSE HAS ITS OWN **SUN GOD**-- YET AT THE DAWNING OF THE COSMOS, ONLY **ONE** COULD BE CROWNED THE TRUE **SUN KING!**

THUS, SUN BATTLED SUN IN A GREAT **INTERSTELLAR DUFFING-UP...**

I'M GONNA BE THE **RISING SUN** IN THIS HERE SPACE SECTOR, YA LOUSY **DWARF STAR!**

OH **YEAH?** TRY SAYIN' THAT WIT' A **CHROMOSPHERE SANDWICH** IN YER RADIATIVE ZONE!

NYUCK NYUCK!

WHY, I OUGHTA!

A WISE GUY, EH?

THE EVENTUAL VICTOR WAS KNOWN AS **RA-PRIME,** LORD OF THE **JEWELED SUN...** AND IN VICTORY, HE GAVE HIS **MIGHTY EDICT...**

HEED ME, MY SOLAR SERVANTS!

NO MORE SHALL SUN BATTLE SUN **DIRECTLY**-- FOR SUCH CONTESTS ARE TOO **DANGEROUS** FOR **THE PLANETS IN OUR CARE!**

=MOAN!=

QUIET, YOU!

SHOULD ONE SUN WISH TO DUEL ANOTHER, THEIR WAR WILL HENCEFORTH BE FOUGHT THROUGH **PROXIES...**

SELECTED **LESSER BEINGS!**

BUT LET NOT SUCH CHALLENGES BE MADE **LIGHTLY!** FOR IF **ONE** SOLAR GLADIATOR SHOULD FALL AGAINST **ANOTHER,** THE SUN THEY **REPRESENT** SHALL FACE...

...THE PENALTY!

THE PENALTY?

THE PENALTY?

THE **PENALTY!**

"UNDER **SOLAR LAW,** ANY SUN THAT **LOSES** A CHALLENGE-BY-PROXY MUST FACE **TOTAL OBLITERATION...**

"...SUN-DEATH!"

KABOOM!

GREAT JASPER! SO THE MYSTERY METEOR THAT **CREATED** THE ELEMENT MAN WAS NO **ACCIDENTAL ASTEROID...**

...BUT A COSMIC **RECRUITING STATION** FOR THE SUN GOD RA'S **CHOSEN CHAMPIONS!**

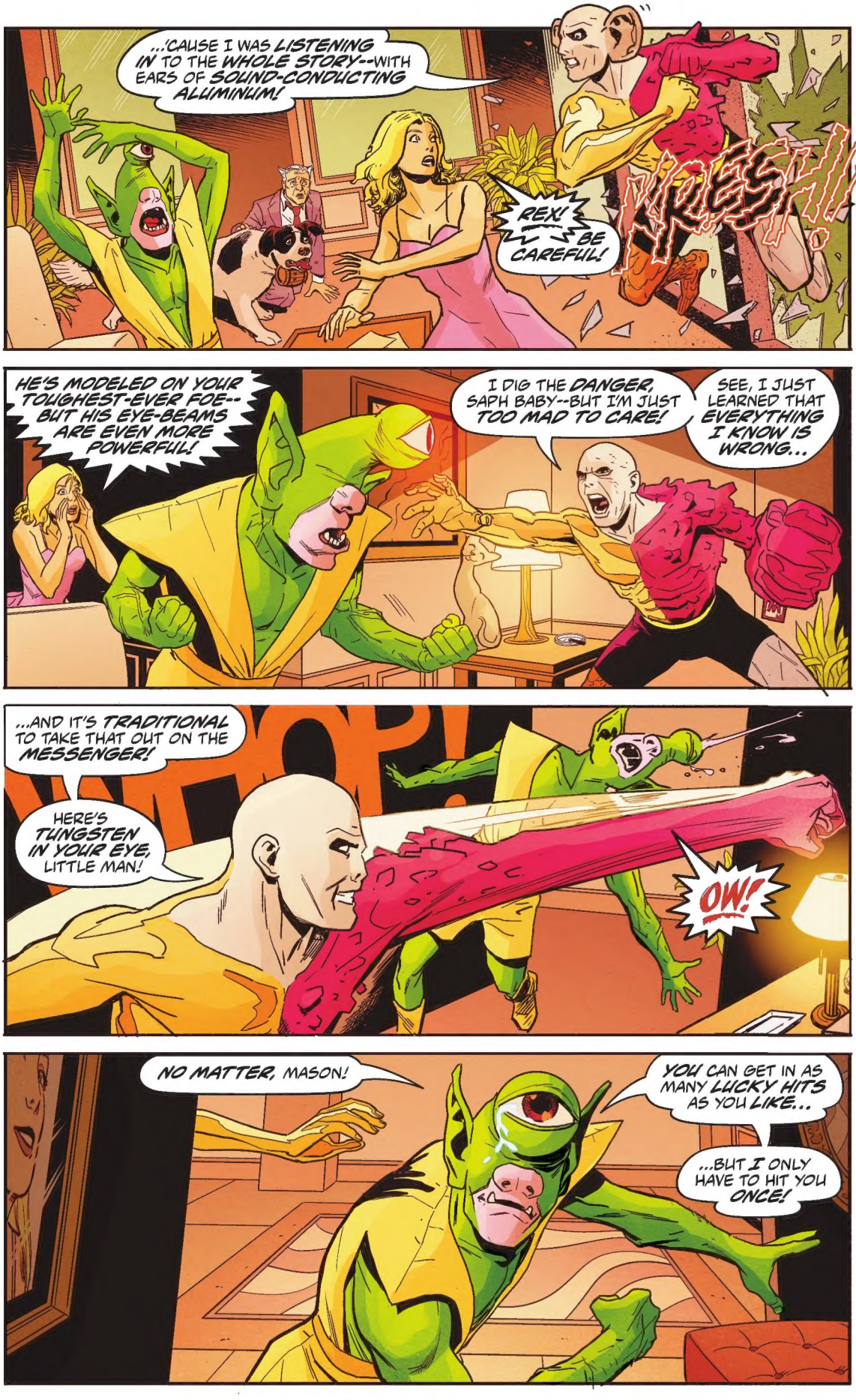
AND JUST AS **OUR** SUN CREATES ALL ELEMENTS FROM ITS **NUCLEAR CORE...**

...MY REX CAN BECOME **ANY ELEMENT IN THE HUMAN BODY!**

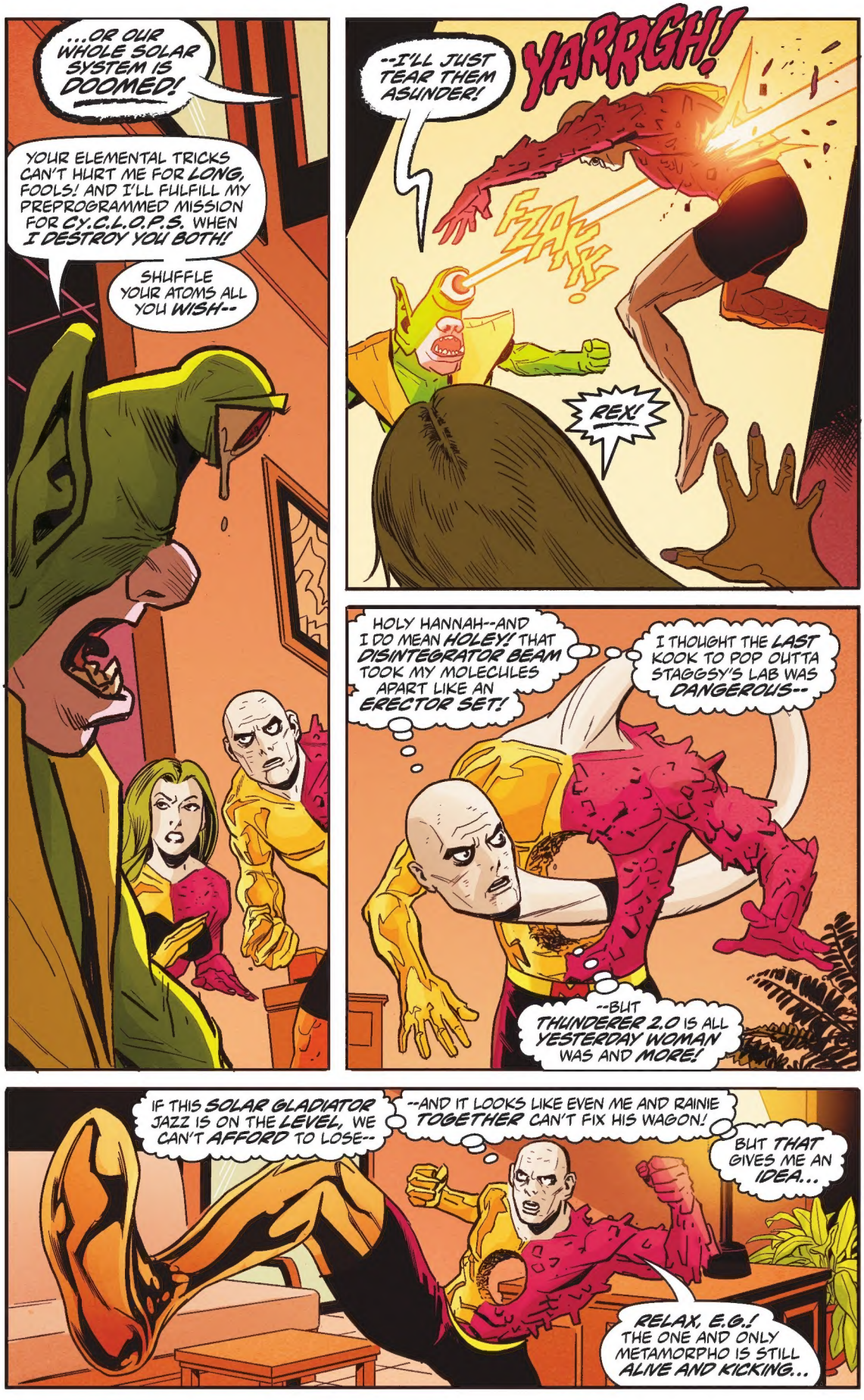
CORRECT!

AND THE POOR FOOL DOESN'T EVEN **KNOW** IT!

THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE **WRONG,** MEAN GREEN...


...'CAUSE I WAS LISTENING IN TO THE WHOLE STORY--WITH EARS OF SOUND-CONDUCTING ALUMINUM!
REX! BE CAREFUL!
KRESH!!
HE'S MODELED ON YOUR TOUGHEST-EVER FOE--BUT HIS EYE-BEAMS ARE EVEN MORE POWERFUL!
I DIG THE DANGER, SAPH BABY--BUT I'M JUST TOO MAD TO CARE!
SEE, I JUST LEARNED THAT EVERYTHING I KNOW IS WRONG...
...AND IT'S TRADITIONAL TO TAKE THAT OUT ON THE MESSENGER!
HERE'S TUNGSTEN IN YOUR EYE, LITTLE MAN!
OW!
NO MATTER, MASON!
YOU CAN GET IN AS MANY LUCKY HITS AS YOU LIKE...
...BUT I ONLY HAVE TO HIT YOU ONCE!

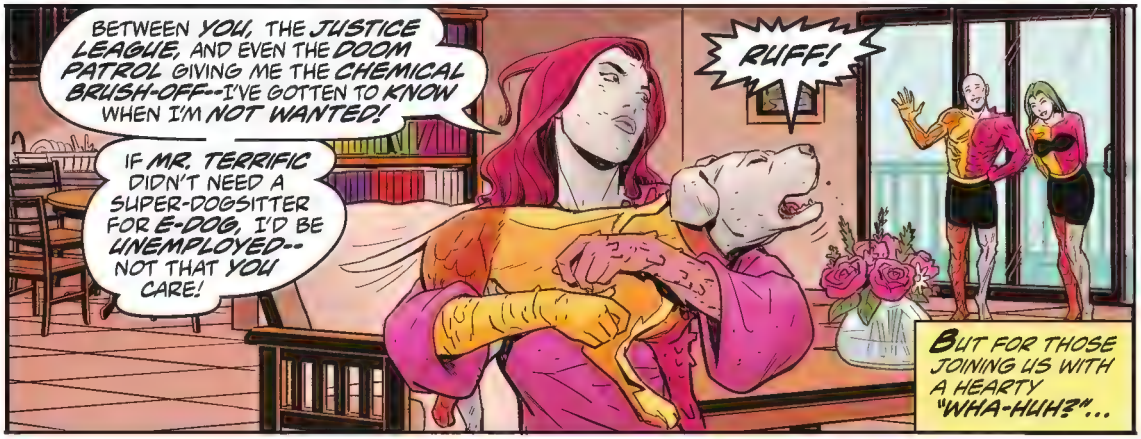
GUESS WHO, CUTE STUFF?
AAARGH!
MY EYE!
MY SENSITIVE, SENSITIVE EYE! IT BURNS!
WHOOPS! LOOKS LIKE MY HANDS WERE MADE OF FLAMING PHOSPHORUS!
LET ME GIVE YOU A NICE, COOLING EYE BATH--
--OF LIQUID NITROGEN!
KZZAT!
GAAAHH!
THIS WAY, EVERYONE!
EVACUATION PROTOCOL!
B-BUT, JAVA--WHAT ABOUT REX? WHAT IF HE CAN'T BEAT THAT MECHANICAL MISFIT EVEN WITH ELEMENT GAL'S HELP?
PRAY HE CAN, MY DEAR...


...OR OUR WHOLE SOLAR SYSTEM IS DOOMED!
YOUR ELEMENTAL TRICKS CAN'T HURT ME FOR LONG, FOOLS! AND I'LL FULFILL MY PREPROGRAMMED MISSION FOR CY.C.L.O.P.S. WHEN I DESTROY YOU BOTH!
SHUFFLE YOUR ATOMS ALL YOU WISH--
--I'LL JUST TEAR THEM ASUNDER!
YARRGH!
FZAKK!
REX!
HOLY HANNAH--AND I DO MEAN HOLEY! THAT DISINTEGRATOR BEAM TOOK MY MOLECULES APART LIKE AN ERECTOR SET!
I THOUGHT THE LAST KOOK TO POP OUTTA STAGGSY'S LAB WAS DANGEROUS--
--BUT THUNDERER 2.0 IS ALL YESTERDAY WOMAN WAS AND MORE!
IF THIS SOLAR GLADIATOR JAZZ IS ON THE LEVEL, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE--
--AND IT LOOKS LIKE EVEN ME AND RAINIE TOGETHER CAN'T FIX HIS WAGON!
BUT THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA...
RELAX, E.G.! THE ONE AND ONLY METAMORPHO IS STILL ALIVE AND KICKING...

:NNNGH!:
...WITH A SOLID-CHROMIUM FOOT, NATCH!
ONE OF THE HARDEST SUBSTANCES IN THE HUMAN BODY--AND NOW IN THIS CREEP'S FACE!
NOW, WHILE HE'S DAZED--SIGNAL THE S.H.A.D.E. SUPERJET!
AND THEN YOU AND ME CAN SLINK OUTTA HERE!
WAIT, WE'RE RUNNING AWAY...?
BOING! BOING!
WHA-HUH? THE MIGHTY METAMORPHO HAS TURNED COWARD? SAY IT AIN'T SO!
IT AIN'T SO, BABY--WE'RE NOT RUNNING, WE'RE RELOCATING!
IF HE'S GONNA BEAT US, HE'S GOTTA FOLLOW US--
--AWAY FROM SAPPHIRE, STAGGSY, JAVA, AND JUMP CITY!
AND A STRATEGIC RETREAT WILL BUY US TIME!
ENOUGH TIME...
...FOR A LITTLE SOMETHING I'M CALLING...
...PLAN M!
PLAN M--FOR METAMORPHO? NOT QUITE! FOLLOW THE S.H.A.D.E. SUPERJET OVER THE PAGE, READER...

...TO A HIGH-RISE APARTMENT IN THE UNASSUMING TOWN OF BELMONT... **MICHIGAN!**

HOME TO ONE **EMILY SUNG**--BETTER KNOWN TO ELEMENT AFICIONADOS BY **ANOTHER** NAME...


BETWEEN YOU, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, AND EVEN THE DOOM PATROL GIVING ME THE CHEMICAL BRUSH-OFF--I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW WHEN I'M NOT WANTED!
IF MR. TERRIFIC DIDN'T NEED A SUPER-DOGSITTER FOR E-DOG, I'D BE UNEMPLOYED--NOT THAT YOU CARE!
RUFF!
BUT FOR THOSE JOINING US WITH A HEARTY "WHA-HUH?"...

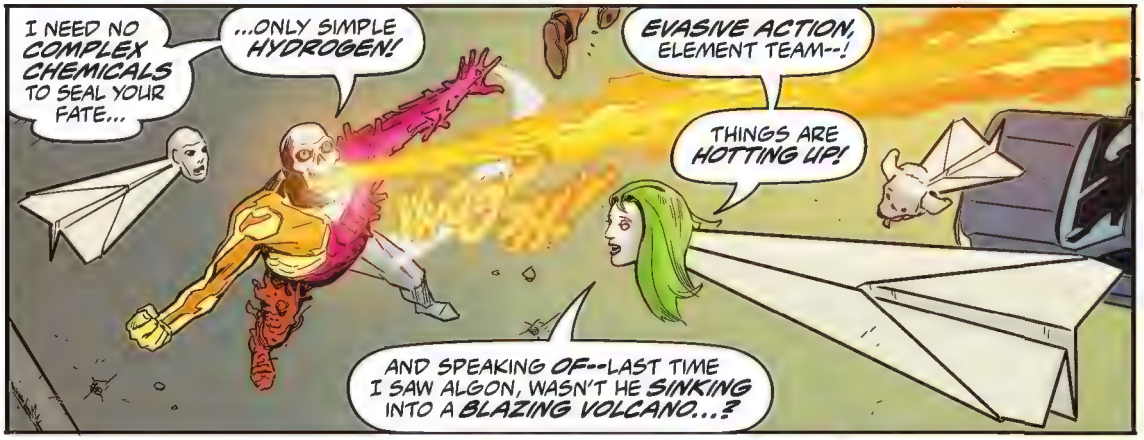
EMILY SUNG WAS AN ORDINARY **STUDENT**--UNTIL A MYSTERIOUS AND NEVER-EXPLAINED **"ACCIDENT"** GAVE HER **ALL OF METAMORPHO'S POWERS!**

ELEMENT DOG WAS AN ORDINARY **STRAY DOG**--UNTIL DIRECT EXPOSURE TO THE **GODLY ENERGIES OF RA** GAVE HIM **ALL OF METAMORPHO'S POWERS!**

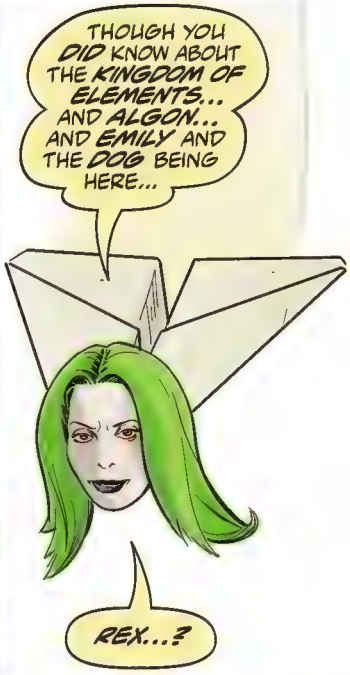
WHEN I CAME TO YOU AFTER :AHEM:
"THE ACCIDENT"--
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! NOT THAT I WAS THERE!
--YOU PROMISED ME YOU'D HELP ME TO CONTROL MY "FABULOUS FREAK-POWER"-- YOUR WORDS, NOT MINE!
AND I WAS GONNA! TIME JUST GOT AWAY FROM ME A LITTLE!
NOT ONE LESSON! MY WHOLE TIME WITH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO BECOME LEAD!
AND THEN WE HAD TO FIGHT THE RED KRYPTONITE MAN!
THE LOOK ON SUPERMAN'S GIANT-ANT FACE! I'LL NEVER LIVE IT DOWN!
OKAY, OKAY! MISTAKES WERE MADE! THE IMPORTANT THING IS, I'M HERE NOW!
AND I'M HERE FOR YOU, KID--
--TO INVITE YOU TO MY ALL-NEW, ALL-NOW ELEMENT TEAM SUPREME!
REALLY...?
AND ELEMENT DOG TOO!
:ARF?:
THE MORE METAMORPHOS, THE MERRIER! I MEAN IT!
MORE METAMORPHOS? CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR, REX BABY!
YOU MIGHT GET IT--AND WE DO MEAN GET IT!
WHA-HUH?
WHAT'S SHAKING?
THIS BUILDING ISN'T A GIANT ROBOT, IS IT...?
OH NO!
REVOLUTIONARY GIRL UTENA

MR. TERRIFIC DIDN'T JUST SET ME UP HERE TO WATCH E-DOG--HE WANTED ME TO WATCH THE TOWN!
BELMONT, MICHIGAN? WHAT COULD HAPPEN IN A TINY TOWN LIKE THIS...?
I KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT ONE, HONEY! THIS BURG WAS BUILT ON A SECRET PORTAL TO A PLACE CALLED THE KINGDOM OF ELEMENTS!
KINDA LIKE A STOREHOUSE FOR RAW METAMORPH POWER! AND IT'S GUARDED BY A JOKER WE BOTH KNOW FROM WAY BACK WHEN...
...ALGON!
THE ANCIENT ELEMENT MAN!
A ROMAN SOLDIER WHO EXPLORED THE SAME KOOKY PYRAMID THAT TURNED ME INTO METAMORPHO--ONLY TWO THOUSAND YEARS EARLIER!
AVE, MORTALS OF MICHIGAN!
I RETURN TO YOU IN ALL MY TIMELESS WRATH!
METAMORPHO SENT ME BACK TO MY ELEMENTAL PRISON ONCE! BUT I SWEAR TO APOLLO--
--THAT HE SHALL NEVER DO SO AGAIN!

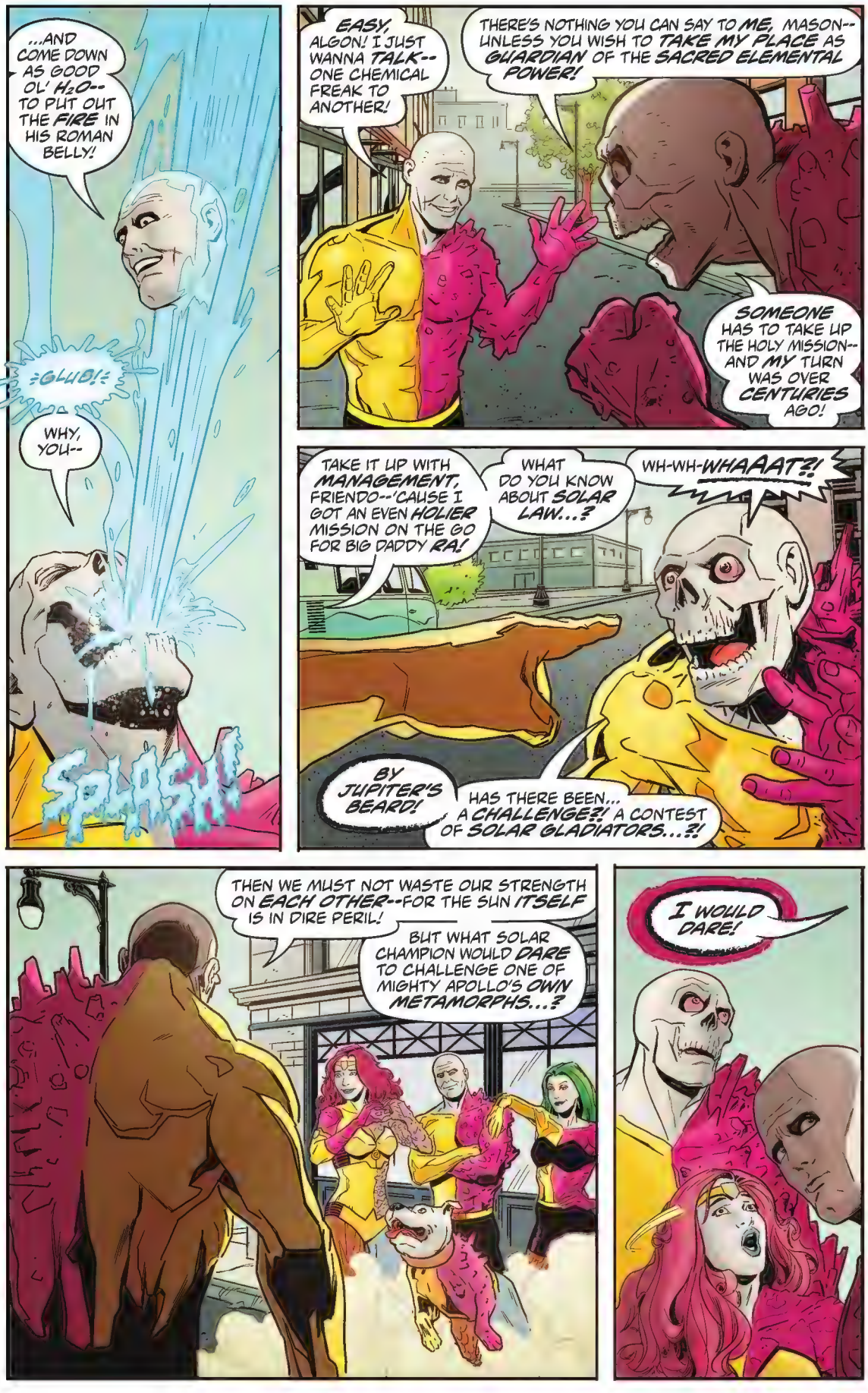
ALGON, BABY! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
NOR WILL ANY OTHER METAMORPH!
YOU LIE--!
BUT YOUR MODERN SCIENCE WILL NOT BEST ME!

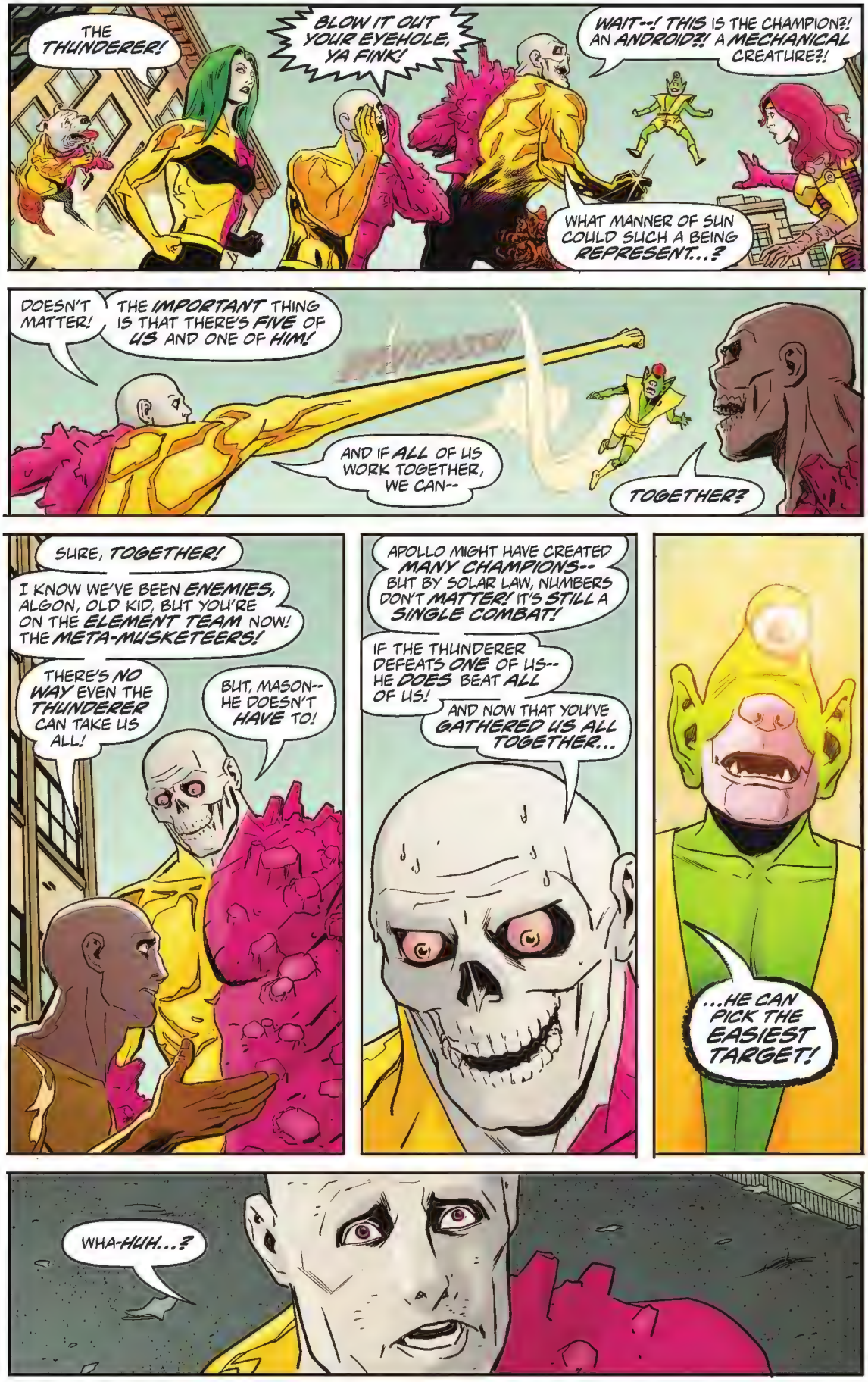

I NEED NO COMPLEX CHEMICALS TO SEAL YOUR FATE...
...ONLY SIMPLE HYDROGEN!
EVASIVE ACTION, ELEMENT TEAM--!
THINGS ARE HOTTING UP!
AND SPEAKING OF--LAST TIME I SAW ALGON, WASN'T HE SINKING INTO A BLAZING VOLCANO...?

ANOTHER OF RA'S PORTALS, RAINIE! MY GUESS IS THEY'RE ALL OVER--
--FEEDING US ELEMENT FOLK A STEADY DIET OF FREAK-POWER!
THEN FOUR OF US TOGETHER MUST HAVE WIDENED THE PORTAL--
--JUST ENOUGH TO LET ALGON OUT!
IT'S NOBODY'S FAULT--YOU COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN, REX!

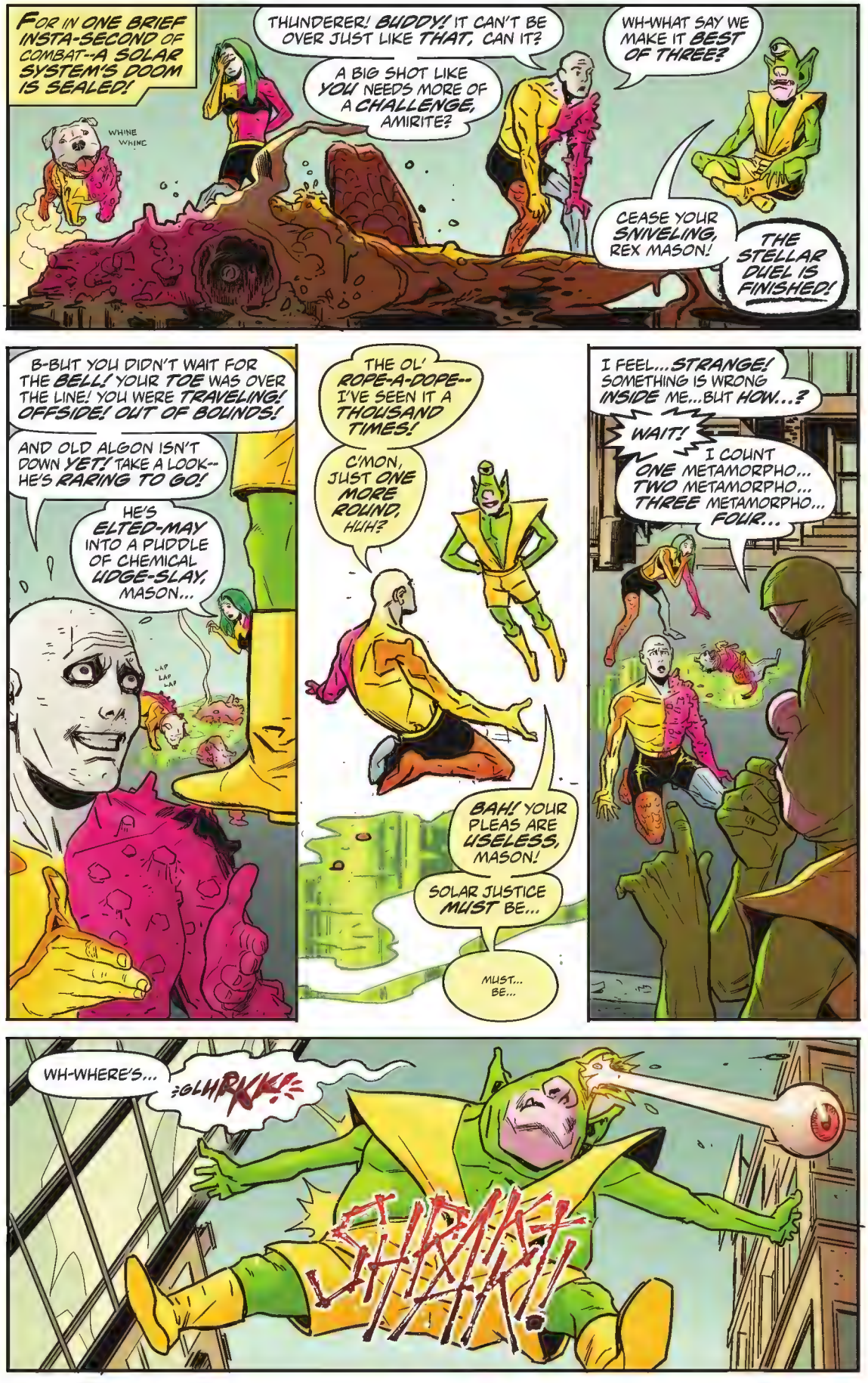

THOUGH YOU DID KNOW ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF ELEMENTS... AND ALGON... AND EMILY AND THE DOG BEING HERE...
REX...?

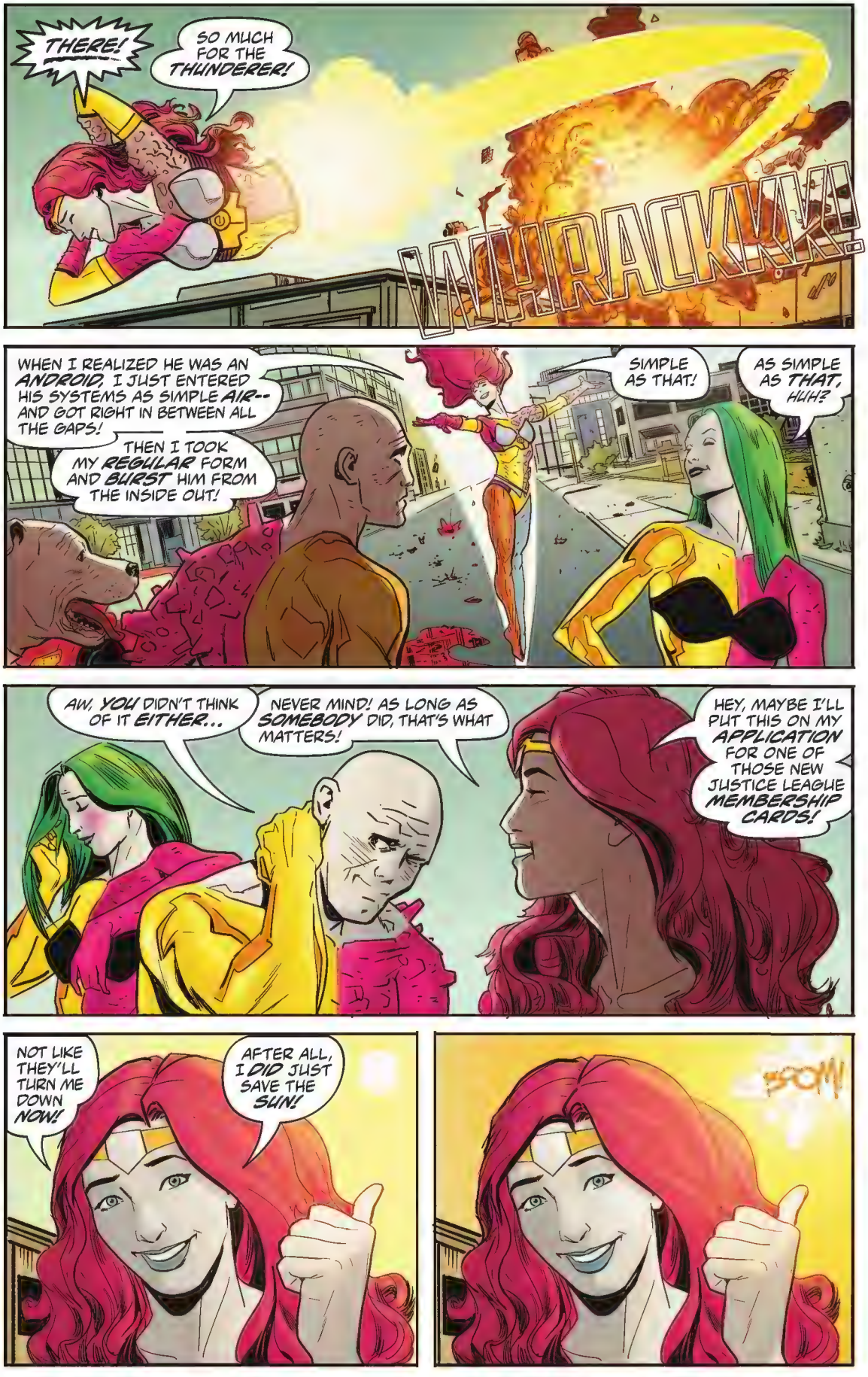
WHAT?! DOES S.H.A.D.E. HAVE A MONOPOLY ON WAY-OUT SCHEMES?
IT'S ALL ACCORDING TO PLAN, RAINIE! LEMME GRAB A QUICK UPDRAFT FROM ALL THIS BURNING HYDROGEN...

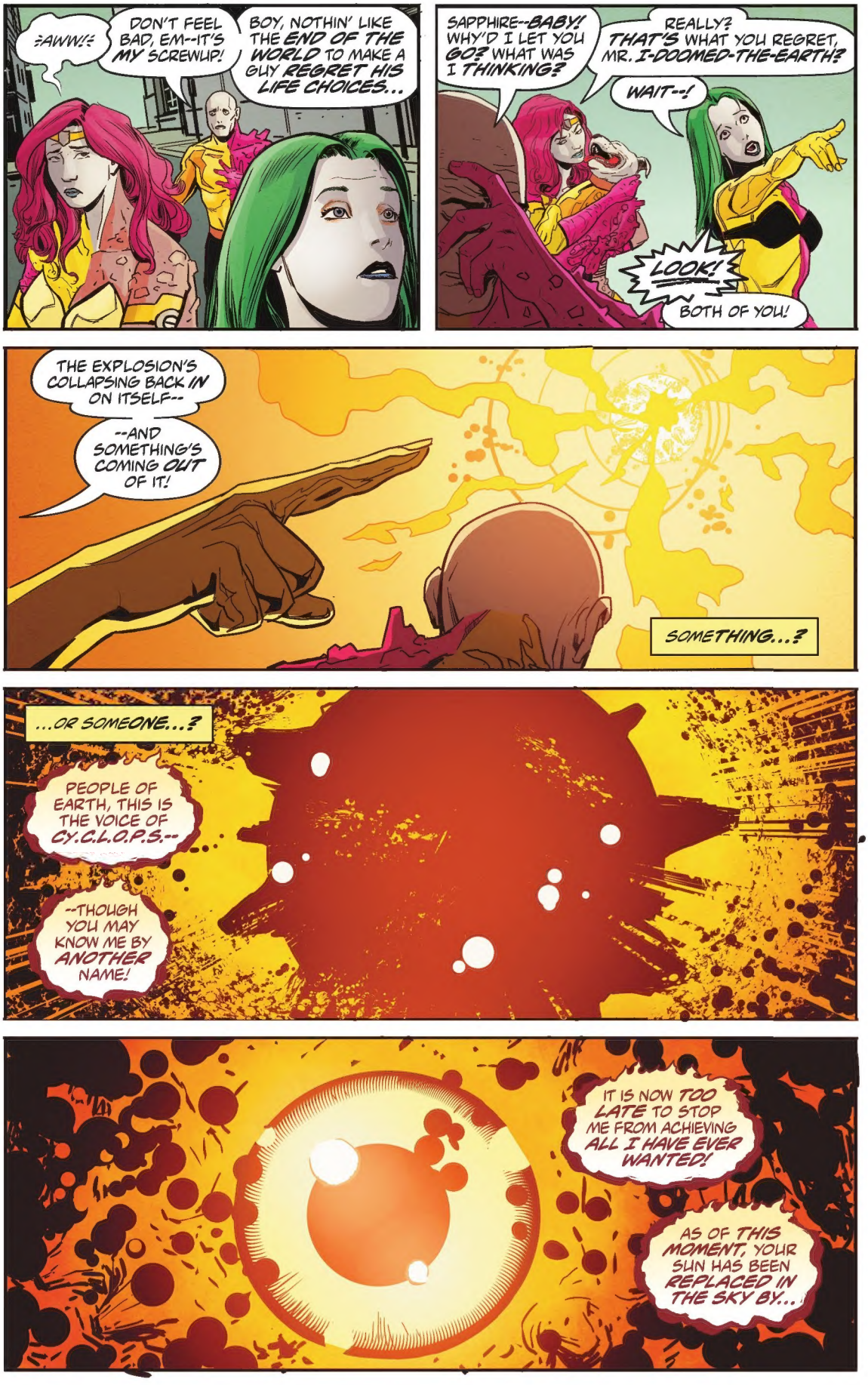

...AND COME DOWN AS GOOD OL' H_2O-- TO PUT OUT THE FIRE IN HIS ROMAN BELLY!
=GLUG!=
WHY, YOU--
SPLASH!
EASY, ALGON! I JUST WANNA TALK-- ONE CHEMICAL FREAK TO ANOTHER!
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN SAY TO ME, MASON-- UNLESS YOU WISH TO TAKE MY PLACE AS GUARDIAN OF THE SACRED ELEMENTAL POWER!
SOMEONE HAS TO TAKE UP THE HOLY MISSION-- AND MY TURN WAS OVER CENTURIES AGO!
TAKE IT UP WITH MANAGEMENT, FRIENDO--'CAUSE I GOT AN EVEN HOLIER MISSION ON THE GO FOR BIG DADDY RA!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SOLAR LAW...?
WH-WH-WHAAAT?!
BY JUPITER'S BEARD!
HAS THERE BEEN... A CHALLENGE?! A CONTEST OF SOLAR GLADIATORS...?!
THEN WE MUST NOT WASTE OUR STRENGTH ON EACH OTHER--FOR THE SUN ITSELF IS IN DIRE PERIL!
BUT WHAT SOLAR CHAMPION WOULD DARE TO CHALLENGE ONE OF MIGHTY APOLLO'S OWN METAMORPHS...?
I WOULD DARE!

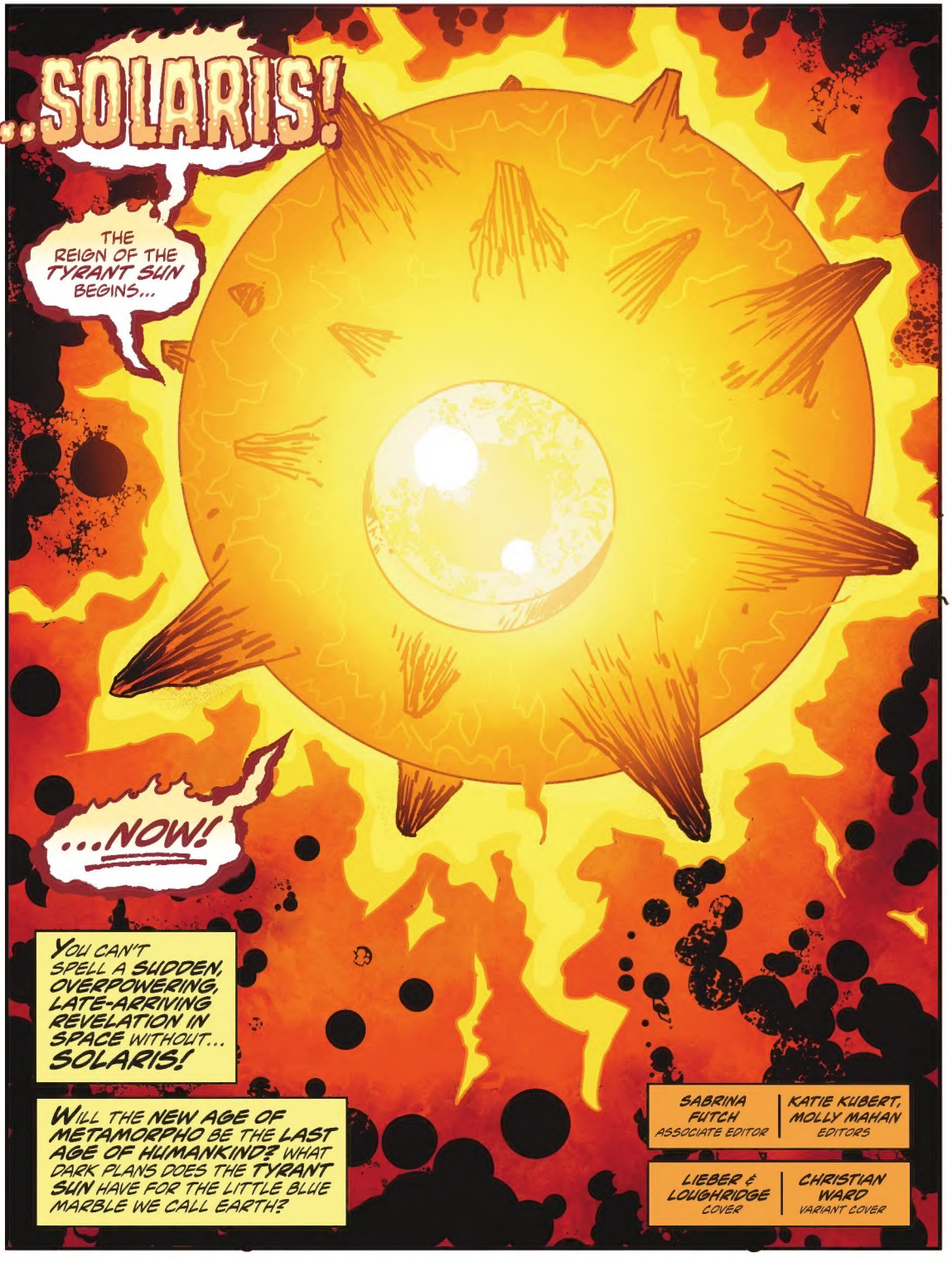

THE THUNDERER!
BLOW IT OUT YOUR EYEHOLE, YA FINK!
WAIT--! THIS IS THE CHAMPION?! AN ANDROID?! A MECHANICAL CREATURE?!
WHAT MANNER OF SUN COULD SUCH A BEING REPRESENT...?
DOESN'T MATTER!
THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THERE'S FIVE OF US AND ONE OF HIM!
AND IF ALL OF US WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN--
TOGETHER?
SURE, TOGETHER!
I KNOW WE'VE BEEN ENEMIES, ALGON, OLD KID, BUT YOU'RE ON THE ELEMENT TEAM NOW! THE META-MUSKETEERS!
THERE'S NO WAY EVEN THE THUNDERER CAN TAKE US ALL!
BUT, MASON-- HE DOESN'T HAVE TO!
APOLLO MIGHT HAVE CREATED MANY CHAMPIONS-- BUT BY SOLAR LAW, NUMBERS DON'T MATTER! IT'S STILL A SINGLE COMBAT!
IF THE THUNDERER DEFEATS ONE OF US-- HE DOES BEAT ALL OF US!
AND NOW THAT YOU'VE GATHERED US ALL TOGETHER...
...HE CAN PICK THE EASIEST TARGET!
WHA-HUH...?

ZAPPOW
...
ULP!
ULP IS RIGHT! NO ULP EVER ULPED MORE!


FOR IN ONE BRIEF INSTA-SECOND OF COMBAT--A SOLAR SYSTEM'S DOOM IS SEALED!
THUNDERER! BUDDY! IT CAN'T BE OVER JUST LIKE THAT, CAN IT?
A BIG SHOT LIKE YOU NEEDS MORE OF A CHALLENGE, AMIRITE?
WH-WHAT SAY WE MAKE IT BEST OF THREE?
WHINE WHINE
CEASE YOUR SNIVELING, REX MASON!
THE STELLAR DUEL IS FINISHED!
B-BUT YOU DIDN'T WAIT FOR THE BELL! YOUR TOE WAS OVER THE LINE! YOU WERE TRAVELING! OFFSIDE! OUT OF BOUNDS!
AND OLD ALGON ISN'T DOWN YET! TAKE A LOOK-- HE'S RARING TO GO!
HE'S ELTED-MAY INTO A PUDDLE OF CHEMICAL UDGE-SLAY, MASON...
LAP LAP LAP
THE OL' ROPE-A-DOPE-- I'VE SEEN IT A THOUSAND TIMES!
C'MON, JUST ONE MORE ROUND, HUH?
BAH! YOUR PLEAS ARE USELESS, MASON!
SOLAR JUSTICE MUST BE...
MUST... BE...
I FEEL...STRANGE! SOMETHING IS WRONG INSIDE ME...BUT HOW...?
WAIT!
I COUNT ONE METAMORPHO... TWO METAMORPHO... THREE METAMORPHO... FOUR...
WH-WHERE'S...
GLHRK!
SHRAK!


THERE!
SO MUCH FOR THE THUNDERER!
KRAKKKK!!
WHEN I REALIZED HE WAS AN ANDROID, I JUST ENTERED HIS SYSTEMS AS SIMPLE AIR-- AND GOT RIGHT IN BETWEEN ALL THE GAPS!
THEN I TOOK MY REGULAR FORM AND BURST HIM FROM THE INSIDE OUT!
SIMPLE AS THAT!
AS SIMPLE AS THAT, HUH?
AW, YOU DIDN'T THINK OF IT EITHER...
NEVER MIND! AS LONG AS SOMEBODY DID, THAT'S WHAT MATTERS!
HEY, MAYBE I'LL PUT THIS ON MY APPLICATION FOR ONE OF THOSE NEW JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP CARDS!
NOT LIKE THEY'LL TURN ME DOWN NOW!
AFTER ALL, I DID JUST SAVE THE SUN!
SPOW!


:AWW!:
DON'T FEEL BAD, EM--IT'S MY SCREWUP!
BOY, NOTHIN' LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD TO MAKE A GUY REGRET HIS LIFE CHOICES...
SAPPHIRE--BABY! WHY'D I LET YOU GO? WHAT WAS I THINKING?
REALLY? THAT'S WHAT YOU REGRET, MR. I-DOOMED-THE-EARTH?
WAIT--!
LOOK!
BOTH OF YOU!
THE EXPLOSION'S COLLAPSING BACK IN ON ITSELF--
--AND SOMETHING'S COMING OUT OF IT!
SOMETHING...?
...OR SOMEONE...?
PEOPLE OF EARTH, THIS IS THE VOICE OF CY.C.L.O.P.S.--
--THOUGH YOU MAY KNOW ME BY ANOTHER NAME!
IT IS NOW TOO LATE TO STOP ME FROM ACHIEVING ALL I HAVE EVER WANTED!
AS OF THIS MOMENT, YOUR SUN HAS BEEN REPLACED IN THE SKY BY...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INTERVIEW WITH MARK WAID

The past and present collide in "We Are Yesterday," the first major DC All In crossover! Legendary writer Mark Waid takes us behind the scenes of this six-part event, teasing the rise of the Legion of Doom and his ongoing collaboration with superstar artist Dan Mora.

Can you share some details about the origin of this crossover and how it's possible to bring the *Justice League Unlimited* and *World's Finest* timelines together?

It all started with the idea of bridging the modern-day *Justice League Unlimited* book (with artist Travis Moore for JLU #6 and #7) and the not-too-distant past of *Batman/Superman: World's Finest* (with artist Clayton Henry for #38 and #39) for the first time in a big way. We wanted to do something special—something that would set up major DCU storylines for the year—so we came up with a cross-time adventure where the Legion of Doom from the past makes their way into the present, forcing our heroes to deal with the consequences of their arrival.

Dan Mora also created stunning panoramic connecting covers for the entire crossover. Since he wasn't drawing the first five chapters, I wanted to make sure he had the chance to draw the finale—so we made it longer. That final chapter is especially exciting because by that point the Justice League has been scattered across time.

In the end, we make the League truly unlimited, giving them access to every era of the DC Universe—from the ancient days of Anthro to the far future of the Legion of Super-Heroes.

How did you bring the classic Legion of Doom into current continuity?

The story kicks off with Gorilla Grodd having an epiphany in the wake of Darkseid's destruction in the *DC All In Special*. He realizes this is his chance to make a big splash, but to truly take over the world, he needs his old comrades—the Legion of Doom. The problem? The Justice League Unlimited now runs the show, and many of his former allies are no longer in play. Luthor is reformed, Sinestro is playing nice with the Green Lantern Corps, and others have moved on. So Grodd hatches a plan to travel back in time, grab the classic Legion of Doom from the past, and bring them into the present.

I also have to give credit to Dan Mora for helping shape the Legion's lineup. I wasn't sure who I wanted on the team until my editor, Paul Kaminski, showed me Dan's cover. I took one look and thought, perfect! Those are our villains.

What's it been like working with Dan Mora on *Justice League Unlimited* and *World's Finest*?

My favorite thing about working with Dan is his fearlessness—he's willing to draw anything and everything. As a writer, I sometimes censor myself, thinking, I shouldn't ask the artist to draw something this big, or this panel has way too many characters, but Dan pulls it all off beautifully.

He also has an incredible ability to modernize classic DC characters while staying true to their original designs. I'll send him reference images from the 1950s and '60s, expecting him to update them completely, but instead, he keeps their essence intact—somehow making even the most old-fashioned costumes feel fresh and dynamic.

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